GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2439
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VISIT OF FBI TEAM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of the FBI came to India to interrogate the families of two suspects, living in Hyderabad, arrested by the United States in connection with the September 11, terrorist attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the foreign investigative agency could directly question Indian citizens and make investigations about their background; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, officers from the Legal Attache Office in the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi visited Hyderabad and collected information from the Andhra Pradesh police. Their visit was coordinated by the Interpol branch of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.